Majority Wants Development . . .

Editor, Times-Delta:

To say that we are appalled by Mr. Krebs' audacity and high-handedness of manner in proceeding with legislation which reflects the wishes of a select few would be a gross understatement.

He is in office to represent the entire district and act accordingly.

Mineral King should be developed to the best interests of the majority, not only of this area, but the entire U.S. The land belongs to everyone even though they might live in the north, east or south. They should be able to visit and enjoy it if they can travel here.

We're not able to add much to that which has already been said except to register our indignation both as residents and local business people.

We all know how badly this area needs an economic boost and cannot see why we should be deprived of it to maintain a huge private hunting and riding range for the over-privileged.

The ecology reports bear out the fact that conditions are favorable to proceed.

Let's get on with it. Certainly those few acres will never be missed by the wildlife in the vast Sierra!

Charles and June Conklin
Visalia

P.S. We thank the Times-Delta for this opportunity to voice our opinions.

Strong Control

Editor, Times-Delta:

I am in favor of the development of Mineral King.

I am also in favor of strong control measures that would maintain the atmosphere of our community.

I have been criticized for my opinions of the project because I sell real estate and according to my detractors, I stand to make a great deal of money possibly.

I resent this intimidation, I am first and foremost a resident of Three Rivers and came here to be a part of the community. Our decision to move here four years ago was not based on Mineral King but what the area had to offer my family.

Through control measures on the types of buildings, businesses and the best placement of the same, I think we can keep a community to be proud of and not an instant overnight shantytown.

Sad to say there are a lot of "no growers" who are quite vocal in this area. I am happy that someone was able to sell to me!

Catherine Briane
Three Rivers

Disney Outlines Mineral King Proposal

The late Walt Disney explains his proposal for development of Mineral King Valley. The proposal has been a controversial subject since its inception and has been in litigation since before 1970.

Wrong Target Attacked

Editor, Times-Delta:

Rep. John Krebs has criticized the Times-Delta's poll on Mineral King for the wrong reason.

The paper should have asked if the people of Tulare County believed that John Krebs is representing them or is even interested in what they think on the matter.

Freshman Krebs stated he did not seek input on Mineral King from the local officials.

Since the local elected officials are the most knowledgeable and responsive to the desires of the voters, Freshman Krebs obviously does not feel it is necessary to be responsive to the people of this part of his district.

John T. Middleton
Visalia

Already Polluted

Editor, Times-Delta:

Tell Mr. Krebs he should have consulted some of us and we would have given him our views.

There's nothing anyone could do to hurt Mineral King. It's already been gutted and polluted by the miners and cabin owners etc. Now by Sierra Club long hairs and hippies. As a CC boy I helped build Badger Pass Ski deal in Yosemite Park. So see no more pollution in letting a reliable party like Disney Enterprises built it here.

Clarence Searcey
Visalia

Big No For Krebs

Editor, Times-Delta:

I would like to cast my vote for Walt Disney developing Mineral King, and a big NO vote for Krebs.

One thing though, it's the first time I have heard him come out with a stand on an issue—up to now he has just been another politician.

Harold Gray
Visalia

Backs Supervisors

Editor, Times-Delta:

I agree wholeheartedly with the stand taken by the Tulare County Board of Supervisors regarding John Krebs' hasty and ill-conceived actions on Mineral King.

I do not believe Krebs knows or understands fully the history of this long controversy. It is obvious that he did not speak with Disney Productions nor did he take time to discuss the project with the various governmental agencies involved or he would know the following.

In March, 1948: The Sierra Club Bulletin stated that Mineral King was "Probably the most spectacular site for commercial (ski) development on the west slope of the Sierra."

In 1953: Congressman Harlan Hagen, representing Tulare, Kings and Kern counties, conducted a public hearing on recreation possibilities for Mineral King, at which time the Sierra Club stated that it was not opposed to making the area easily accessible.

In 1961: At a public hearing conducted by the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads, the Sierra Club opposed a new road at Mammoth Pass and recommended instead the improvement of the Mineral King road.

In 1965: In Congressional Hearings in San Bernardino, the Sierra Club opposed the construction of ski lift facilities at San Gorgonio. Several of those members testifying recommended instead the development of facilities at the "vastly superior" Mineral King area to serve Southern California.

In 1969: The Sierra Club reversed its earlier position and obtained a temporary injunction preventing any development at Mineral King and causing all planning by State Highway officials and Walt Disney Productions to be halted.

Krebs may be a fledgling politician, but his political timing in making this announcement would indicate he wasted no time in learning the political ropes. Will time show that he will be proven just as self seeking and devious as the Sierra Club?

Harry C. Waters
Three Rivers

Time Has Come

Editor, Times-Delta:

By all means the time has come for Mineral King to be developed for the people, not just the few that use it in the summer.

Why should we have to overload the present ski resorts? From what we can learn the snow conditions in Mineral King could equal that of Mammoth.

There is no reason why Mineral King would not be available to many people in the summer with a good road, and whatever way you decide to transfer people back and forth from Three Rivers.

The controversy has lasted long enough, let us have some action.

Take notice of the May Bishop schools and others near Mammoth which transport the children up to Mammoth to ski once a week. It is not only producing good skiers, but keeping children out of mischief.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles O. Young
Visalia

Killing Business

Editor, Times-Delta:

Of all people the citizens of Visalia should be militant for any development of Mineral King, because we owe our main start and struggle to the mining boom at Mineral King.

I'm sure that if any newcomers understood a little of Mineral King's history, its hardships, and knew that it originally was developed as a community of a 10 mile-square mineral reserve that was one of the business attractions in the west. There was no easy access, they packed in over trails then built a toll road. They fought nature and selfish interests as of now, but won out.

My sister-in-law was born there about 100 years ago and was named Minerva after the rich minerals.

Her father, Abe McGinnis was a mining promoter and sold mining stock.

I have been up there many times and when I look at the grade they built up Cliff Canyon out of rock without our modern tools, I feel ashamed that we today begrudge the basin the privilege of returning to its original usage of being a historical business center and having, at last, a decent access road so the people of America can go there to pack into the beautiful back country.

But it was always thus, always someone opposes progress. We once had a road planned uniting us with Owens Valley. They wanted to buy our oranges and have a short cut to the ocean.

The road was opposed, never built and Ford Chatters is dead. I hope we don't kill the hopes of what Mineral King originally was designed for, that's business, and will in no way hinder but will help the wilderness beyond and make employment for our people.

I'm 92 years old and I've seen a lot of honest but uninformed business killing.

Rufe Connelly
Visalia

All Should Enjoy

Editor, Times-Delta:

As it stands now, only a select few enjoy the open wilderness as Mineral King is known. Think of the enjoyment that could be received by millions, if this project was allowed to continue.

My family and I are very interested in the outcome of this proposed project and will support the people that continue to develop this program.

To be very frank, if Krebs is against this, we are against Krebs.

Sam A. Keener
Visalia

Listen To People

Editor, Times-Delta:

My husband and I feel strongly that Mineral King should be developed.

The Honorable Rep. Krebs shoul be reminded he is a delegate of the people and should vote for their wishes, not his, regardless if it be yes or no.

We feel it would be beneficial to our economy in Tulare County plus a place to visit and take our children close to home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Zoko
Visalia

A Better Place

Editor, Times-Delta:

The survey being done by the Times-Delta regarding the Mineral King development should not be our main concern.

Our main concern should be having a representative for our County who fails to represent us.

In order to properly represent us he should have at least sought out our opinions before drawing such a cut and dried conclusion in such a short time after the final environmental statement was filed. Really sounds like his mind has been made up for some time.

If he is basing his decisions on the words of a chosen few, then those words should have been checked out as to how accurate they were.

Being a part of the business world in Three Rivers for five years, and a Tulare County taxpayer, I can only conclude that the Disney Development would make our county a much better place to live and there will still be enough wilderness left so all can enjoy Mineral King the year around, not just a limited few.

Mrs. Lois Dupuy
Exeter

Sees Benefits

Editor, Times-Delta:

My feelings in regard to Mineral King are likened to a diamond that is locked in a safe.

It is beautiful and majestic but who sees it to enjoy it?

On any major project there are some for and some against.

The Pine Flat Dam.

The Friant Dam.

The San Luis Dam.

I remember there were many against those projects.

Look at the benefits and blessings those projects are to the state and the agricultural future of California.

I firmly believe that Mineral King will be the same.

Paul Bezzerides
Orosi

Development Feasible

Editor, Times-Delta:

I too, was quite shocked with the manner in which Rep. John Krebs arrived at and announced his decision.

As a representative of the people of his district, he owed us the courtesy of meeting with us face to face to properly represent us.

Your "Yes" or "No" was hard to answer withot comment. The thing that concerns me is the number of people who are in favor or against who have never visited Mineral King and really do not know what they are talking about.

It is a beautiful valley nestled between rugged mountains and offers some of the most beautiful scenery in the United States.

I have fished its streams and many of its lakes and have walked many of its trails, though not enough to be fully knowledgeable of its capabilities.

It would appear to me that development is feasible but I question its extent. One really has to spend time there to realize its small size and then think about several thousands of people there at one time. I suppose with proper design that the logistics of sewage, parking and housing can be made to work, if not too large.

I surely would rather see it stay as part of the National Forest, rather than be made part of the National Park System. I believe the Forest Service does an overall better job for the public.

Robert Tienken
Lindsay

Ignoring Wishes

Editor, Times-Delta:

It is very refreshing to see the Times-Delta make an effort to ask Tulare County residents to express their views concerning the Mineral King development issue. I thank you.

My opinions concern Mr. Krebs. Once again, I have witnessed a public elected official join the ranks of a select group of millionaires known as the Sierra Club. I challenge the members of that group to rid themselves of their stock in major oil companies and then and only then begin to direct their efforts toward conserving our land.

But then the Disney Project vs. Sierra Club is not the most serious issue here. I would like to remind Mr. Krebs that the people to be affected most are Tulare County residents. Therefore, the final decision should be made by these residents whether the outcome is for or against the development.

This is a flagrant display of small elite clubs and self indulgent politicians running the show and ignoring the wishes of the general citizenry. The voters of Tulare County finally were able to bid farewill to Mr. Mathias because of his lack of concern for their opinions. Mr. Krebs, don't you think this issue should be taken directly to the people of Tulare County?

Ann Stephens
Visalia

Faith In Disney

Editor, Times-Delta:

Everyone is very concerned about the financial feasibility of this project for the county and the detriment to the environment and rightly so, but is anyone considering the fact that it will bring immense joy and recreation to the Tulare County area residents?

I have been told that the Mineral King Valley is beautiful, but if it is not developed, I may never see it.

I have faith in Disney Enterprises. Everything they do, they do well. All their projects bring joy and recreation to anyone, young and old, who visit them.

Incidentally, I think your idea of a survey on this subject is terrific and boo to John Krebs who has criticized you for it.

Lorraine Girard
Visalia

Krebs And Ecologists

Editor, Times-Delta:

Congressman John Krebs has made a decision to vote against the development of Mineral King and recommends putting the area into the Park.

This, he says after a deep study etc., etc., and at long last, puts himself in the camp of the over-zealous ecologists. This is his right, however, he doesn't represent the majority as promised nor could his investigation have been thorough.

We who believe in well-planned, equal opportunity use of public lands (½ of Calif.) a balanced economy, and feel that all natural assests of Tulare County should be explored to maintain our prosperity, must reverse this decision at all cost.

True, our county government has been slow to awaken fully to the danger of losing one "helluva" big opportunity to recover from the sickness of high unemployment and inflation and ever lessening tax revenue and now to go to bat for the project.

Supervisor Harrell has been on his toes on the problem and is to be congratulated.

Welfare will lessen as employment increases. The let up on crime can easily occur. Automobiles now clogging highway 99 on the trip from Los Angeles to Tahoe will soon leave dollars instead of just exhaust.

If congress would quit playing "cat and mouse" with the auto industry, the car exhaust problem would be minimal by the time a ski resort becomes a reality. Better our congress use the same energy they used to place men on the moon and sponsor solar energy and eventually electric driven automobiles.

If the National Park takes over Mineral King it is not unreasonable to believe Silver City and Cabin Cove will soon be included and as the Mineral King cabins will vanish. At the usual pace of Park projects the whole area will sleep for twenty five years.

This country, to avoid the present decay of England, needs more Edisons, Bells, Carvers etc, and less dreamers like Volstead and Carrie Nations.

The over emphasis on ecology is mentally constipating and when policed by the self serving fanatics is as dangerous to our general welfare as any other "ism".

Hugh Cox
Three Rivers

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. . . Others Prefer Mother Nature

Editor, Times-Delta:

This is just to let you know that Walter and Dorothy Switzer, are 100 per cent behind Krebs stand on the Mineral King issue.

We fail to understand how our supervisors can overlook the fact of the added pollution from the thousands of cars passing through our Valley will bring to the already polluted air of our county.

What good will 2,500 new jobs (quoting Bob Harrell) be if we can't breathe the air? Also, how many of these jobs would be available to local people? During a stay at Giant Forest this summer we talked to quite a few of the help at the concessions and not one of them was local, most of them being from the southern part of the state.

If people really appreciate the beauty of the Mineral King area, they can get there without a high speed road and the facilities of the Disney Corporation. We have been going there for may years and love the unspoiled beauty. (We do not own a cabin there!)

This is just the opinion of two concerned people.

Walter and Dorothy Switzer
Visalia

Hard Wear

Editor, Times-Delta:

Mineral King is showing some very hard wear, just from the backpackers alone.

Mineral King just can't handle that many more people.

Don Tate
Tulare

Left As Is

Editor, Times-Delta:

I'm glad that you have given the people a chance to voice their opinon.

I believe that Mineral King should be left as a natural heritage of beauty and splendor for future generations to marval.

We have enough fake images to look at now.

I can see no benefit what so ever of defacing a natural beauty just to please big city dwellers.

People, I feel, can enjoy natural beauty more, left as it is.

Bill Shannon
Strathmore

Keep It Free

Editor, Times-Delta:

We have around 40 farm employees—the so-called "poor" of our society.

It was interesting that I could not find ONE who was in favor of the development of Mineral King. The feeling was "take from the poor, and give to the rich."

Keep it free.

William J. Wollenman
Lindsay

No Change

Editor, Times-Delta:

I agree with Mr. Krebs stand on Mineral King. Over-development of this area would eventually destroy it and the surrounding vicinity.

Darlene Ellis
Visalia

Only Supervisors

Editor, Times-Delta:

Congressman Krebs' decision was a good one and his reasons are quite valid.

We should be concerned with the long range detrimental effects the development will have on our valley — mainly poor air quality and the mushrooming of commercial developments.

I feel our supervisors have had their heads in the sand on this issue too long. They aren't hearing the voices of dissent or looking far enough into the future.

What of agriculture and the world food supply? Urban sprawl should not be allowed to encroach on our rich agricultural lands and air pollution allowed to diminish crop production.

What of the 2,500 jobs? For whom? Will the itinerant farm laborer be selected to fill the positions or will there be an influx of people from other areas? This influx would create more growth-related problems — increased police and fire services, schools, hospitals, etc. And who would pay? The property-owning taxpayer, of course.

We're told, in these days of belt-tightening economics, to value-test our "wants and needs." As far as Mineral King development is concerned, apparently only the Supervisors want it and nobody needs it!

Shirley Kirkpatrick
Exeter

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Center Of Controversy

This is the Mineral King Valley. The majestic valley is about 45 miles from Visalia and has been described by skiing experts as a natural ski bowl. The area has been an attraction for backpackers and hikers and cross country skiing for many years.

Three Cheers

Editor, Times-Delta:

Three cheers for Rep. Krebs for his stand on the Mineral King issue.

I feel that we taxpayers would be silly to spend millions of dollars to build an all weather, dead end road to a very small valley for an individual firm to build a concession which only the wealthy could afford to visit.

Hundreds of people enjoy Mineral King the way it is now, so I say leave it as is.

Ross Sellars
Visalia

Too Many Cars

Editor, Times-Delta:

Surely no member of the Tulare County Board of Supervisors has ever lived in Southern California to see first hand what happens when you open your door to thousands of people.

People as far away as Palm Springs could tell them that they felt they would be safe from smog, they now know they aren't. Even a certain variety of pine tree, found in Lake Arrowhead and Big Bear resort areas, are dying because it has also reached them.

I can't imagine anyone interested in the future of the agriculture of the Valley can feel it worth the risk to allow such a development.

As a resident of Three Rivers I find it impossible to imagine how the narrow, winding, highway can cope with thousands of cars, campers, and the heavy trucks required to "haul in and haul out" from such a development.

I am glad Rep. Krebs can also see the negative side, which is what would affect Tulare County residents, especially here, in the beginning. Valley residents would have their problems at a later time.

Wilma Marcusson
Three Rivers

Scars Left

Editor, Times-Delta:

I have marked the ballot to be "Left as Is."

This best reflects our thinking, which is to make some modest improvements to the Mineral King Valley facilities for visitor use. These would be to upgrade what is there now, and to keep use within the capacity of the small valley.

We have lived within the Ash Mountain-Three Rivers area for the last 10 years, and are now retired in Three Rivers. We have followed the proposal for Mineral King during that time. In fact attended the unveiling of Walt Disney's plan in Porterville.

Our vote is cast with a knowledge of how development would affect the Mineral King Valley; what scars would be left from a vastly improved access road to the area, and impact upon the Three Rivers community.

We appreciate the opportunity to vote on this issue. But, would have preferred an "Other, please explain" option on your ballot.

James and Jeanette Howell
Three Rivers

Breathe Fresh Air

Editor, Times-Delta:

I was born in Visalia and have lived here all my life, so have seen a lot of changes, some good, some not so good.

I can remember when you could see the mountains just about any time of the year. Now if you look quick after a storm you can see them, but not for long.

There is no doubt in my mind that the air pollution is caused by the increase in population.

The amount of people, plus cars, that would come through this area if Mineral King is developed boggles the mind.

I wonder if Robert Harrell thinks those 2,500 jobs would all be held by local people. He is not being very realistic if he does, for a lot of people would move to this area because of the jobs. I can't see why we need more people, unless they are striving for another Los Angeles.

Harrell also said to clean up the air to attack the five million visitors that go to the park. With that remark he admitted that he thinks people are the cause of the air pollution.

No doubt the park visitors are causing a lot of the trouble, but what does Harrell think that the many millions Mineral King would attract, added to the park visitors would do to this area.

Maybe you have to be one that won't gain financially in any way to care if you can see the mountains and breathe fresh air.

Della Rathbun
Visalia

Using Our Money

Editor, Times-Delta:

Everything the city or County undertakes will cost the homeowners more property tax money and that is already too high. Our council and supervisors just sit and try to think up new projects to use our money.

For instance: Headstart, adult education, and child care which should be the parents obligation and responsibility.

Mrs. Stella King
Visalia

Destroy Surroundings

Editor, Times-Delta:

In regard to the Mineral King issue, I am whole heartedly opposed to any development of the area.

The earth was created for mankind and people have a responsibility to preserve its natural beauty. The greater our advancements progress, the more it seems we destroy our surroundings. It takes a great deal of time for a tree to grow, but only a few minutes to destroy it.

Instead of financial benefits, aesthetic and environmental benefits should be of concern to all interested parties. Soon there will be no regions like Mineral King left — concrete and steel will replace trees and rolling hills.

If any development is to be made, then I support Rep. Krebs proposal to incorporate Mineral King into the Sequoia National Park.

Mrs. Marilyn Stephens
Visalia

On A Clear Day

Editor, Times-Delta:

I feel that your reporting of the Mineral King issue has been biased and I further feel that your poll does not reflect the alternatives that are available in regard to Mineral King.

I personally read the draft Environmental Impact Statement and made comments on it to the United States Forest Service. After reading the draft Environmental Impact Statement, I arrived as the conclusion that air quality in the Tulare County area would suffer substantially as a result of the Mineral King development. As a native of this area, I can recall when we used to be able to see both the Sierras and the Coast Range Mountains on a regular basis. Now, however, we can only see the Sierras on an exceptionally clear day and usually only after rain storms or strong wind storms.

Southern Californians are married to their automobiles. It is wishful thinking to believe that the Southern Californians who travel to Mineral King for recreation will do so largely in diesel busses. We already have large numbers of people traveling through this area to visit Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. Most of them are travellling by private automobile and will continue to do so. If we add to these national park visitors those 5,000 to 8,000 person who are expected to use the proposed Mineral King development, then we will have a significant addition to our air pollution problem in this area. Visalia already has a very high pollution level at present. Further, a substantial part of our air pollution is thought to be carried by wind currents that originate in the San Francisco Bay Area.

I also feel that Mineral King, if developed, could very well cost the taxpayers of Tulare County far more than it benefits them. I feel that it is time for the Tulare County Board of Supervisors to re-evaluate their position on Mineral King. I do not feel that sufficient input from the public was obtained at the time the Board of Supervisors made the decision to support the Mineral King development project and I do not feel that the Board has honestly sampled the opinions of the residents of Tulare County on this issue.

Richard H. Cochran
Visalia

Untold Acres

Editor, Times-Delta:

Why the big flap from Rep. Krebs? I liked your original question: Should Mineral King be left as is, or developed.

Our vote is for leaving as is.

The federal government has untold acres of wilderness areas that could be developed. If that is their goal and if they prefer the glamour of Disney, etc. Let them negotiate!

Why destroy what has been for so long!

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sexton
Visalia

Against Changes

Editor, Times-Delta:

I, too, am against the development of Mineral King as proposed by the Walt Disney Productions.

My reasons are not different from those expressed by Rep. John Krebs, except that I have been opposed to it since it was first planned and reported.

Nevertheless, my regard for Mr. Krebs has increased because he took time to investigate, probe and weigh pros and cons, and arrive at a sincere opinion without being politically opportunistic.

On the other hand, my conviction that the Times-Delta is biased in its reporting has been reaffirmed. The poll and its accompanying article was an underhanded way to seek and expect a majority of positive votes.

My guess is that you will be surprised at how many people are against the large scale development of Mineral King. Those of us who have no business investments have more to lose than to gain.

A "Disneyland" in Mineral King would not only spoil that Valley but all of Visalia. I have lived, and left, a town in Northern California that served as a thruway into a resort area. I don't wish that on anyone. Please not here!

Diana Ricci
Visalia

Backs Krebs

Editor, Times-Delta:

Just a couple of quotes that seem especially applicable to the Mineral King situation.

From Dr. Paul R. Ehrlich:

"Mankind is now tinkering with the systems on which the carrying capacity of the planet for human life is dependent."

Aldo Leopold said over twenty years ago; "To keep every cog and wheel is the first precaution of intelligent thinking."

Mineral King is but one cog in thousands being lost. We must begin saving those parts, so let us begin with Mineral King.

Back Rep. Krebs with your support.

Bob Chilton
Visalia

Damage Ag

Editor, Times-Delta:

Mineral King should be left as is.

The 5,000-10,000 cars daily will destroy the agriculture and the quality of life. The pollution on our lungs and other aspects of our health is not worth any other benefits gained.

Mrs. Yvonne Pronold
Visalia

Voicing A 'No'

Editor—Times Delta:

I've already mailed my ballot regarding Mineral King voicing a "no" vote to your office, but I want to express my freedom of speech.

At one time it took three days to get up to Mineral King (elevation around 8000 feet). Now a person can drive a horseless vehicle from Visalia to Mineral King in about three hours, driving at a very low rate of speed from Three Rivers on due to the narrowness of the road, curves, ups and downs, and caution for oncoming traffic. I've never heard of an accident on the road. The road department of the county of Tulare keeps up the road.

Most of the people who have gone up to Mineral King in the past years are from Tulare County. They have enjoyed the naturalness of this beautiful area in the Sierra Nevada Range. There is absolutely and positively no need to exploit this magnificent panoramic scenery by making changes which are costly to begin with and then to maintain whether it be Disney or the National Park Service.

Anybody who can walk or ride can go up to Mineral King and experience God's wonderland, the grandeur, fresh air, good water and peaceful atmosphere from about June until before the snow sets in and blankets the mountains. We are all welcome up there.

I say leave Mineral King alone and as it is and keep the name Mineral King intact for centuries to come. To me it is a gift from God. People from everywhere are welcome to bask in the great out-of-doors at Mineral King.

Since I am a native of Tulare County, I invite those who haven't been to Mineral King after the road is open for travel to pack their picnic baskets with good food, milk, cups, eating equipment and proper mountain clothing; fill the gas tank and see that the car is in proper order; and see for yourself what you have been missing.

It has been said "the best things in life are free." Let's express our freedom to control our humanity in the U.S.A. within reason by an open revelation of our common sense, ways and thoughts; thus providing a broad spectrum of thinking for those who are to act or not act as the case may be.

Congressman John Krebs never contacted me nor in any way asked me what my knowledge or my advice on Mineral King is or was. I am a very important person as well as others, and don't want my rights disregarded.

Congratulations Visalia Times-Delta for asserting your freedom of the press and aiding in the freedom of speech of the people.

Miss Viola Vollmer
Visalia